

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listing of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-64 (canceled)

1/ 65. (currently amended) A method for determining whether a substance inhibits or reduces an inflammatory process in which a macrophage is in a hyperactivated status due to a differentially expressed macrophage surface receptor, comprising: (a) applying said substance to a test system which generates a measurable read-out upon modulation of said macrophage surface receptor or macrophage surface receptor function, wherein said macrophage surface receptor is a FPRL-1 receptor comprising SEQ ID NO:2 ~~or a variant, mutant or fragment thereof having the same function~~; and (b) comparing the level of the read-out of the test system to a control level, wherein a difference in levels indicates the substance is an inhibitor or an activator of said macrophage surface receptor; and wherein the inhibitor of the macrophage surface receptor which is expressed on a higher level in said hyperactivated macrophage or the activator of the macrophage surface receptor which is expressed on a lower level in said hyperactivated macrophage indicates the substance inhibits or reduces said hyperactivated status of said macrophage.

66. (canceled)

67. (canceled)

2/ 68. (previously amended) The method according to claim ~~65~~¹ in which the test system is a cellular system.

3/ 69. (previously amended) The method according to claim ~~68~~² wherein the cellular system comprises a MonoMac6 cell or a THP-1 cell, and wherein said cell is stimulated with phorbol 12-myristate 13-acetate and with a substance selected from the group consisting of LPS and smoke.

Claims 70-71 (canceled)

~~4~~ 72. (currently amended) The method according to claim ~~65~~¹ in which said receptor is the FPRL-1 receptor having the sequence depicted in SEQ ID NO:2 (~~SEQ ID NO:2~~).

Claim 73 (canceled)

~~5~~ 74. (new) The method according to claim ~~65~~¹ or claim ~~68~~² or claim ~~69~~³ in which said inflammatory process is chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD).